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**RE: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site; Granite City, Illinois
Consent Decree
Voluntary Progress Report 37 (May 2002)**

Dear Mr. Bradley:

As requested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), two copies of this letter are submitted on behalf of the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site Group ("Group") on a voluntary basis to provide EPA with a progress report for activities related to the remediation of the residential lots and remote fill areas, the remediation of the Taracorp pile, the remedial action for groundwater, and operation and maintenance activities that were performed in regard to the NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Site (the "site") during May 2002.

1. Actions Taken During Previous Month to Comply with the Consent Decree:

- On May 1, 2002, the Group's project coordinator issued a voluntary progress report to EPA.
- During May 2002, the Group and ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller ("ARCADIS") initiated planning activities associated with the 2002 annual groundwater monitoring event.
- During May 2002, the Group and ENTACT continued efforts to complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the residential areas and remote fill locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments. In addition, the Group and ENTACT continued efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's comments and to include off-site areas.

2. Summary of Data and/or Results of Sampling and Tests Received:

- ENTACT received laboratory data from the testing of leachate within the collection system of the Taracorp pile. The Group's project coordinator will provide the data to EPA upon receipt of the information from ENTACT.

3. Work Plans, Plans, and Other Deliverables Completed and Submitted to EPA During the Previous Month:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

4. Actions, Data Collection, and Implementation of Work Plans and Other Information Related to the Progress of Construction which are Scheduled to be Performed During the Next Six-Week Period:

- The Group and ARCADIS will continue planning activities associated with the 2002 annual groundwater monitoring event. In addition, the Group will notify EPA regarding ARCADIS' schedule for collecting groundwater samples as part of the 2002 annual monitoring event.
- The Group and ENTACT will continue efforts to complete the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations to address EPA's January 22, 2001 comments. The revised pages to the "Final Remedial Report" for the Residential Areas and Remote Fill Locations will be submitted to EPA after the revisions have been made. At the present time, the Group anticipates that the revisions will be submitted to EPA in June 2002.
- The Group and ENTACT will continue efforts to prepare a revised Operation and Maintenance Plan to address EPA's comments and to expand the Operation and Maintenance Plan to include operation and maintenance activities for off-site areas. At the present time, the Group anticipates that the revised Operation and Maintenance Plan will be submitted to EPA in June 2002.
- Upon receipt of written authorization from the Granite City wastewater treatment plant to discharge leachate from the Taracorp pile collection system into the sanitary sewer, ENTACT will remobilize to the site to perform the work.

5. Problems Encountered, Anticipated Problems, Actual or Anticipated Delays, and Efforts Developed or Implemented to Mitigate Delays:

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

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6. **Modifications to Work Plans or Schedules Proposed to EPA or Approved by EPA:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

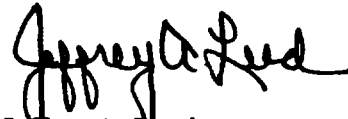
7. **Community Relations Activities During Previous Month or to be Undertaken During Next Six-Week Period:**

- Not applicable for this reporting period.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this progress report, please contact this office at (610) 670-7310.

Very truly yours,

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